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SUBJECT: ADA CASE: FOREIGN MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE REGARDING REPORT
THAT US HAD INTERVENED IN THE ADA CASE

REF: QUITO 7445

1. QUITO DAILIES EL COMERCIO AND EL TIEMPO FRONT PAGED
NOVEMBER 6 FOREIGN MINISTRY'S COMMUNIQUE REGARDING REPORT
REFTEL ON ALLEGED US "INTERVENTION" IN ADA CASE. UNDER
HEADLINES WHICH STATED THAT ECUADOR WOULD NOT TOLERATE ANY
INTERVENTION, BOTH STORIES LAID THE EMPHASIS ON THE PART OF
FOREIGN MINISTRY'S COMMUNIQUE WHICH STATED THAT IT HAD
INSTRUCTED ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO INFORM THE USG
THAT IT HAS NOT TOLERATED AND WILL NOT TOLERATE INTERVENTION
OF ANY KIND, NO MATTER HOW SUBTLE OR DELICATE.

2. IN GUAYAQUIL ONLY TWO OF THE THREE MORNING NEWSPAPERS USED THE
ARTICLE. EXPRESO, THE TABLOID WHICH ORIGINATED THE STORY,
HEADLINED ARTICLE "FOREIGN MINISTER REFERS TO EXPRESO'S
DENUNCIATION: 'WE WILL NOT TOLERATE INTERVENTION.'"

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BRIEF ARTICLE STATED THAT THE "FOREIGN MINISTER RATIFIED

THE TRUTHFULNESS OF EXPRESO IN THIS CASE." ARTICLE
MADE NO MENTION OF REPRESENTATIONS TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE
BY THE AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE.

3. EL UNIVERSO, ECUADOR'S LARGEST AND ONE OF ITS MOST
IMPORTANT NEWSPAPERS, USED UPI VERSION ON THE BOTTOM HALF
OF PAGE 5 WITH THREE COLUMN HEADLINE: "FOREIGN MINISTER
REFERS TO PRESUMED INTERVENTION BY UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT."
ARTICLE STATED THAT CHANCELLOR MADE KNOWN TACITLY OF THE
EXISTANCE OF A PRESUMED INTERVENTION OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT
OF STATE IN THE ADA CASE. THE UPI ARTICLE CONTINUED THAT
THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S COMMUNIQUE DID NOT DENY NOR MAKE
MENTION OF THE TELEGRAM FROM WASHINGTON (MENTIONED IN EXPRESO
STORY YESTERDAY) AND LIMITED ITSLEF TO INDICATING THE SUC-
CESSIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS FUNCTIONARY (PRESUMABLY CHARGE
IN WASHINGTON), AS WELL AS THE POSITIONS, EXPLANATIONS AND
FACTS PUT FORWARD BY THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES
AND THE U.S. CHARGE.

4. THE UPI ARTICLE GAVE MUCH CLEARER REFERENCE TO AMBASSADOR'S
REPRESENTATIONS TO THE SUBSECRETARY AS NOTED IN SECOND
PARAGRAPH OF TEXT BELOW.

5. EL TELEGRAFO OF GUAYAQUIL DID NOT USE STORY AT ALL SINCE
SOME BELIEVE THAT THIS IS BASICALLY AN ATTACK BY EXPRESO OWNER
AGAINST EX-PRESIDENT AROSEMENA, PRESIDENT AT THE TIME OF THE
CONCESSION OF ADA; AND MAIN STOCKHOLDER IN EL TELEGRAFO.

6. TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWS IN TRANSLATION:

"WITH RESPECT TO THE PUBLICATION APPEARING IN THE NEWS-
PAPER "EL EXPRESO" OF THE CITY OF GUAYAQUIL IN ITS
EDITION OF NOVEMBER 5 REGARDING THE "ADA" CASE, THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS STATED THAT ON OCTOBER 25
IT INSTRUCTED THE EMBASSY OF ECUADOR IN WASHINGTON TO
INFORM CORRESPONDING NORTH AMERICAN AUTHORITIES THAT IN
MATTERS WHICH INVOLVE ITS SOVEREIGNTY ECUADOR HAS NOT
TOLERATED AND WILL NOT TOLERATE INTERVENTION OF
ANY KIND, NO MATTER HOW SUBTLE AND DELICATE THIS MIGHT
BE.

"CONCERNING THE SAME MATTER, THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED
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STATES IN QUITO IN AN INTERVIEW WITH SUBSECRETARY OF
FOREIGN RELATIONS, MADE CLEAR THE DESIRE OF THE GOVERN-
MENT OF HIS COUNTRY THAT THE ECONOMIC AND JURIDICAL
COMMISSIONS, DESIGNATED BY THE ECUADOREAN GOVERNMENT TO
DEAL WITH MATTERS RELATIVE TO THE WORK OF THE EXPLOITA-
TION OF GAS CARRIED OUT IN THE GULF OF GUAYAQUIL BY THE
"ADA" AND IN RESPECT TO THE INVESTMENTS MADE IN THE
EXPLORATION FOR GAS, SHOULD FIND THE MOST ADEQUATE

SOLUTION.

"SUBSEQUENT TO THE INSTRUCTIONS SENT BY THE CHANCERY TO
THE EMBASSY OF ECUADOR IN WASHINGTON THE CHARGE
D'AFFAIRES OF THE UNITED STATES IN QUITO COMMUNICATED
TO THE SUBSECRETARY OF THE CHANCERY THE SCOPE OF THE
POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS COUNTRY, REITERATING
THE POINTS EXPRESSED BY THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED
STATES IN THE INTERVIEW ALREADY MENTIONED."
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